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TWIG SUBS FOR STICK

W.A.A. TRIPS TO WORCESTER

On March 8 Fitchburg Teachers College women athletes will go to Worcester Teachers College for badminton and basketball games. At three o'clock, Miss Bolger and five students will play Worcester in a badminton tournament. At 6:30 P.M., the Green and White basketball team will play Worcester and Framingham in a round robin basketball tournament.

Besides Miss Bolger, the girls who will play in the badminton game are Kris Morley, Kit Bourgeois, and Kay Morrilly, Carol Farrar, and Mary Bickford.

The Green team basketball players include Mary Piermarini, captain; Kit Bourgeois, Charlotte Drury, Eleanor Driscoll, Lot Matthews, Carol Farrar, Georgiana Marshall, Abbie Whitney, and Connie Emery.

The White team players include Helen Peck, captain; Kay Morrilly, Mary Bickford, Jean Metzler, Phyllis Connors, Beverly Cousins, Ann Driscoll, Margie Wheatly, and Ami Clark.

Bertha Johnson and Mary Jean O'Connor will act as timers and scorers.

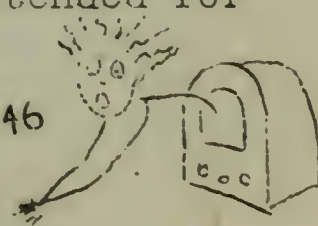
There you have it; the new name for the STICK, at least until more money becomes available so that the real issue can be printed again. In other words, funds for the STICK have been exhausted for the remainder of the year and in order to carry on, the Staff has decided to print their stories on mimeograph paper. They feel that the name the TWIG was an appropriate name for this mimeograph copy since it is the younger brother of the STICK.

We hope to put out one every Friday. Of course, this will mean that much work will have to be done in a short time every week but "anything for F.T.C." In the meantime, we hope that any student who has news he wishes to contribute to this newspaper will do so. Any news can become good news when given to reporters of the TWIG.

How this name, the TWIG, was chosen remains to be seen. After hours and hours of deep thought and deliberation (between 3:00 and 4:00 P.M.) one afternoon this week the staff agreed to keep the tree family going by making a new addition. We do hope that the STICK will never become a splinter. However, the TWIG will carry on the work that was intended for the STICK.

"Escape by Moonlight"
Tune in WELM March 15-46
800PM F.T.C. Club

St. Patrick's Day
March 15, 1946
Fernal



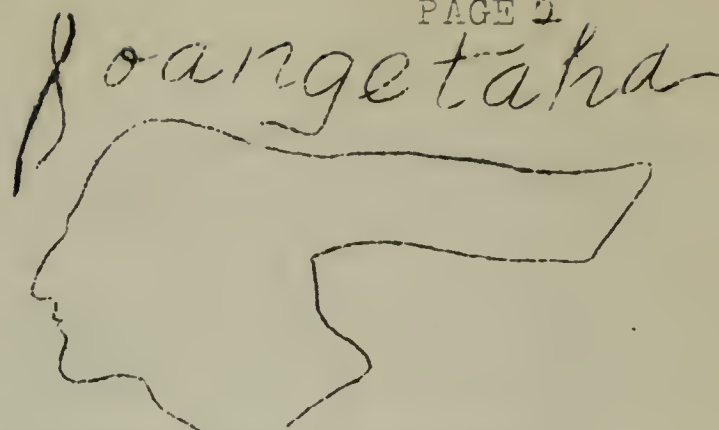


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SOCIETY

NEWS

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GAV'S PLEDGE SEVENTEEN AS NEW NUCLEUS:

As a result of Rush Day, Tuesday March 5, 1946 the Society invited seventeen members of the undergraduate class to join this, the oldest mens social club on Campus. Those receiving and accepting bids were:

Francis Gaudet
Lawrence Enos
Charley Dacey
Russell Cook
Hubert Giard
George Johnson
Carl Peterson
Richard Gardner
Cesidio Sylvestro
Anthony Polito
George Ahorn
Anthony Cirriano
William Gearan
Thomas Cairney
Darward Eastman

Plans for many social activities are still pending.

LATCH ON TO THE AFFIRMATIVE

The Student Forum is packing up some of its troubles --- one in particular, Compulsory Military Training --- and traveling to Our Lady of the Elms College for a spirited debate. Fitchburg will take the affirmative side and Our Lady of the Elms, the negative side. Jeanette Smith and Dave Scanlon will "accentuate the positive" for Fitchburg.

ASSEMBLY

Miss Adele Lee, dramatic reader on current plays on Broadway, will appear at assembly on March 12

MOHAWKS ACCEPT SEVENTEEN

On membership day March 5, the Mohawks accepted seventeen men as prospective Braves for the Mohawk Tribe of Fitchburg State Teachers College. The new candidates will undergo the "Ordeal of Pain" on the night of March 14, at the conclusion of which they will be full fledged members of the Tribe of the Bear. Edward C. Ruby is in charge of the initiation and plans are progressing rapidly. As an aftermath of the initiation the Mohawks will hold their first social event of the year when the tribe gathers for a "Pow-Wow" at Mount Monadnock on the week-end of March 15-17. A large number of Alumni will attend the event.

Maintaining their traditional high standards of scholastic and athletic ability in combination with a good personality, the Mohawks have accepted the following men as candidates for their tribe:

John Apone	Rodger F. Martin
James P. Bruen	Frederick Miller
A. J. Capozza	P. D. Monahan
C. Ciancarelli	George M. Morris
Ralph Cox	Stephen J. O'Horo
William Graham	Stanley W. Potts
Robert F. Hanson	Eric Scott
Nelson Kendall	Richard White
William Cassasa	

In addition to their present co-sponsors, Mr. Harrington and Dean Weston, the Mohawks have selected as a third sponsor Mr. Vincent J. Glennon of the junior high school faculty. Mr. Glennon is a Mohawk alumnus, as he was a very active member of the club while a student here at the college, serving as alumni secretary in his senior year.

Only a few days since vacation but there have been big changes on Campus.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE STUDENTS:

The "Stick" has been set aside until September and "The Twig" adopted. We feel that with a weekly paper we can give you the news while it's still "hot copy".

The Feature Department intends to use cartoons and adopt several new columns, the first of which is the "Inquiring Reporter" appearing in this issue.

Please feel free to make any suggestions or criticisms in writing when you can. We want this section to be a mouthpiece for the students. - L.M. Feature Editor.

Third floor, Miller Hall, was buzzing Tuesday night. The conversation went something like this:

Irene C. - "Hold it up now, Kit."

Betty W. - "No, no! Kit that "T" should be a little more to the left."

Irene C. - "Helen, that doesn't look like a Shamrock. May I have another sandwich?"

Betty W. - "Say now, Irene, I think we did a pretty good job."

Which all goes to prove what happens when Irene and Betty have to make a St. Patrick's Dance poster.

If you want to hear a good story about Sal just ask George the bus driver on the Myrtle route. Is that right, Sally O'Connor?

What was Ellen Bonitz so happy about Tuesday morning; was it the corsage?

Have you been to the Burbank to see "Lu" Muller yet, Mary Pat; better hurry so he'll get well.

If you ever need a man for any of the dances here, just ask Marcia Doyle and she'll fix it up for you.

Roberta has some little interesting stories that she relates to us during Biology; you are all invited to listen anytime!

Did you finally get her to the cellar to see the skiis, Phil Breault; it used to be etchings!

If you're wondering why Dickner has to be home early nights, ask Stephen and Stephine and maybe Beatrice.

Anzie Mae is giving up men for Lent; stop that weeping boys!

We understand the English Literature class Friday is in for a great when Bob Gaudet performs.

How about Barbara Addison's surprising us with her trip down "the isle". When interviewed she gave forth with the following: Her name is now Mrs. Edmond Brassor. She was married Feb 21, 1946 in Brattleboro, Vt. at 9 PM. When asked how it seemed to be married she said, "I still can't believe I am." Gee, pretty soon these wives will outnumber the career girls.

We don't think there are any aisles yet for Harriet but there is a Lane!!

Marilou Sullivan is No 1 on the list of prospective roommates for Madelyn LaFarce. It seems all of her previous ones cloped!

Have you ever heard a voice drifting down from a mysterious level far, far away? Probably; Tom Collins - the walking Empire State Bldg. Never try to look up at him myself. Easier to flat up and drift along at his altitude.

OPINIONS FROM THE INTELLIGENCIA

In each succeeding issue the "Twig" will reveal the inner thoughts of prominent students on the campus on various subjects of interest. If you have comments of any kind please write in to the editor's box and air your opinions. Also if you have a question you would like to have answered by the student body send it in and we will give it proper consideration.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do the girls in the school feel about having 25 year old Freshman veterans in their classes?

Priscilla Morley: "The presence of the veterans in our classes is very enjoyable. Their wide and varied experiences in the service enable them to make many intelligent contributions to the various subjects which they are studying. Their cooperation and enthusiasm is an asset to any class."

Joannett Smith: "Doesn't bother me in the least, just wish some of them didn't have that ring on third finger, left hand!"

Roberta Saul: "They make classes much more interesting, what would we do without an occasional yawn in history or a sly remark in English? Then too, the veterans have so much more practical experience."

Rosemary Coffee: "Hubba, hubba."

Bette Erickson: "Having 25 year old veterans in our classes is advantageous and is definitely a favorable idea. They make assignments interesting, particularly oral, because they have had so many experiences and have been to places the rest of us have only dreamed about. I think they provide an inspiration to make us bring up the standard of our work for the simple reason that we don't want to appear to be immature in our ideas."

Hepbzibah: "Immaturity works both ways!"

Ann Doyle: "It's okay with me; they are pretty experienced."

Eleanor Driscoll: "I'm really an authority, I haven't a malé in any of my classes all week, darn it. I am adamantly in favor of it though."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do you feel as a twenty-five year old college freshmen?

Art Gertin: "Realizing that many more capable students lie buried 'over there', I feel happy and grateful that I'm in college regardless of my age. In the pursuit of education, age is no barrier to knowledge. I definitely feel that a vet should not consider his age a handicap. The twenty-five year old vet should not feel socially ostracized. In fact, this age element should be more conducive to a healthy and stimulating social life."

Ace Mangue: "It's hard to adjust myself to the educational routine and campus life. However, once in the groove, I believe my chances for success, scholastically, are as good as those of the younger student. I realize that I'm preparing for lifetime work; consequently, co-ed social life doesn't hold the meaning that it would if I were a teenager. The G.I. bill didn't accentuate my college ambitions; the fact is, the war just set me back six years in my education!"

An Elderly Student in Palmer: "I'm in a muddle. At the present time I'm not quite sure whether I'm doing the wise thing or not. I left a good paying position for the uncertainty of college life. As an older student, I am playing

Slaps from the Woodpile



During the recent vacation I went to visit a friend of mine who was laid up in the hospital. It seemed that he just happened to be walking under an oversized icicle about the time that it decided to drop to the ground. My friend received a fractured skull. However, the hat he was wearing at the time wasn't damaged a bit --- all of which goes to prove that these scientists are all wrong. You can't split an ADAM.

A few years ago the big gripe here at the old Alma Mater was that the drinking fountain opposite the post office refused to give out ice-cold water as advertised. You would stagger up from the smoking room with the memory of that clincher still lingering on your taste buds and hopefully head for a refreshing drink of Agua Viva. What came out was about the right temperature for shaving. Now today, in the atomic age, we have the same situation, but when our character hopefully turns the handle, does he get warm water? Certainly not; he gets a nice drink of ice-cold nothing. Maybe it can be blamed on "la guerre". We don't know. This column has three solutions to the problem: (1) we could have canteens issued to all the students; (2) we could trade in the present drinking fountain for a pump and a tin cup; (3) lastly, we could give up drinking water.

Spring is in the air. Each day the front lawn gets a little further along in its strip-tease as it casts aside its white garments. Soon the robins will chirp and the sap will run. As a matter of fact, this sap has to run right now; I'll be seeing you.

OPINIONS FROM THE INTELLIGENCIA (Cont'd.)

for higher stakes. Whether job opportunities that present themselves after successful completion of the course will compensate my present sacrifices will remain to be seen. The situation isn't too clear to me at the present time. Social life !?! When do you find time for that? I'm married to my ENGLISH BOOK!!!"

Lou Scanlon: "Orientation to college life is proving difficult. Perhaps it's because I never mastered the Art of Study in high school; or, perhaps it's been too long between report cards. Then again, it's very possible that hazy cerebration is to blame. Anyway, I'm a member of the OWLS CLUB, with strong possibilities of becoming its president. I'm thinking of having my electric bill sent to Mr. Landall and a bill for Vitamin B₁ to Mr. Weston. Those tests---! Social life! It's really gratifying to be accepted by the girls 16 to 60. Most of the girls are young; but so am I. That's what I keep telling myself, anyway. I want to put in my order for a graduation wheel chair. I understand most of the G.I. freshmen are planning to wheel themselves on to the stage to collect that cherished sheepskin.

W.A.A. NEWS

Sally O'Connor, secretary - treasurer of the Women's Athletic Association of Fitchburg State Teachers College, was elected executive secretary of the Women's Athletic Conference of the Massachusetts State Teachers Colleges for the coming year by the W.A.A. board at a recent meeting. The next conference will be held at Fitchburg in October 1946.

SPORTS

CO-REC

BASEBALL

If you happen to be passing by the gym some Monday or Friday noon and see Bob Hanson rush madly down to a net, smash a ball across, and yell wildly, "Yippee!", don't be alarmed, it's just a friendly little game of volleyball. Over on the right you'll probably see Scotty and Russ Cook battling out a ping-pong match, pausing every so often while some one revises the volleyball which hit the table with a loud thud.

Up at the other end you may see a group of Sophomores playing shuffleboard.

On Wednesday noons you'll see two fellows and two girls chasing a bird around with a racket - that's badminton.

Of course we can't forget our cheering section. No game would be complete without the group that stands up in the corridor with the screen against their noses.

Occasionally you'll hear a yell from one of these onlookers but it has nothing to do with the game; they just burned their shins on the radiator.

See you at the gym!

Hanson
snags
a pass!



Coach Elliot announced that the first meeting of candidates for positions on the baseball team will take place on Monday March 11 at 3:00 PM. The coach plans to have the boys work in the gym until the weather makes outside practice possible. A full season seems possible this year with 10 games already lined up. We received word just the other day that our arch-rival, Bridgewater, had had its Government Issue of mail and is once more in a position to battle with old EffTeeSee on the sports fields.

FITCHBURG DROPS FINAL TO LOWELL
56 - 40

The Fitchburg Teachers College Basketeers closed their season last night losing a hard fought game to Lowell Textile Institute 56-40.

The locals started off rather slowly and half time found them trailing 34 - 11. The fifteen minute rest seemed to work wonders and Lowell found themselves opposed by a team that was clicking. Balls started swishing, and at the end of the third period Lowell's lead was cut to 12 points. From that point on it was anybody's ball game and the locals kept hanging away at the lead. Then old man condition caught up with the, and the Lowell team, reinforced by fresh subs, stopped the Fitchburg attack.

Tom Cairney, dead-eyed forward of the Fitchburg squad, was high scorer, rolling up 17 points.

THE SCORE BY PERIODS

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FITCHBURG STC	6	11	30	40
LOWELL T. I .	11	34	42	56

